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IO/PHO (APEREZ), NSC FOR GPETERS, TREASURY GENERAL COUNSEL
(DAUFHAUSER), OFAC (RNEWCOMB), TREASURY (JZARATE), AND THE
TREASURY TASK FORCE ON TERRORIST FINANCING

E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/05/2008

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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: ANKARA: JI TEN/LIST 40

DEMARCHES DELIVERED TO NEW MFA TF CHIEF

REF: A. STATE 249292

[B](#). ANKARA 05365

[C](#). STATE 254613

[1](#). (U) Classified by Economic Counselor Scot Marciel for
Reasons 1.5 (b), (d).

[2](#). (C) Summary: Econoffs met with MFA official Ahmet
Arda to deliver Ref A and C demarches, and discuss possible
additional legal bases for seizing terrorist assets. End
Summary.

[3](#). (C) Effective this past Monday, Arda has taken over the
terrorist finance portfolio from Deputy Director General
Hakan Okcal. Arda,s last posting was as Deputy Permanent
Representative of Turkey to the OECD and his previous
assignments included the UN, as a result of which he is
familiar with the relevant UN conventions and resolutions.

[4](#). (C) On September 4, Econoffs delivered Ref A Talking
Points and Background Paper and confirmed that Arda was
familiar with existing GOT procedures (Ref B). On September
5, Econoffs delivered Ref C Talking Points.

[5](#). (C) Econoffs discussed with Arda GOT,s policy of
awaiting approval by the UN 1267 Committee before acting
administratively on terrorist designations (Ref B). Econoffs
delivered to Arda copies of UNSC Resolution 1373 and the UN
Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,
and suggested that these documents provide an alternative,
and broader, legal basis upon which to act administratively,
as they are not limited to entities associated with UBL or
the Taliban. Arda stated that he would research this issue.

[6](#). (C) Arda opined that Turkish National Police might need
more training on terrorist financing issues. He noted, for
example, that even for PKK financing, Turkish law enforcement
had been late to identify and freeze assets.

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